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February 8, 2021

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From: Fesia A. Davenport
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REPORT BACK ON SHERIFF "SUPER SPREADER" ACTIVITY AND COSTS (ITEM NO. S1, AGENDA OF DECEMBER 8, 2020)

On December 8, 2020, the Board directed the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to identify resources to support the Department of Public Health (DPH) and the Sheriff's Department's (LASD) efforts to prevent "Super Spreader" events in direct violation with the County Health Orders, including developing guidelines for a clear definition of "Super Spreader" events and strategies for non-criminal violations and enforcement, and provide monthly status updates to the Board of Supervisors, including a proposed spending plan.

On January 5, 2021, DPH Director Dr. Barbara Ferrer reported that LASD and other law enforcement agencies possess broad authority that exceeds the authority of DPH, including the ability to terminate "Super Spreader" events that are in violation of the County Health Officer "Safer at Home" order (Order) within their jurisdictions. Proactive enforcement of the Order by law enforcement can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at unsafe and unlawful gatherings where many people are in close contact.

Our office has been coordinating with LASD to track its overtime and straight time expenditures and the CEO will identify funding to ensure that LASD is not impeded in its ability to enforce the Order. LASD will provide actual costs and estimates on a flow basis.

Overview of Enforcement Activities

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- Large gatherings at mobile food providers

The TF considers events with one or more of the above conditions to be a potential "Super Spreader."

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- Terminated unlawful events at nine locations
- 316 arrests
- Issued over 900 warnings
- Recovered 13 firearms
- Confiscated multiple nitrous oxide tanks
- Rescued one minor

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- Terminated unlawful events at 15 locations
- 732 arrests
- Issued over 575 warnings
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Demobilization

Pursuant to the January 29, 2021 DPH issuance of the "Safer at Work and in the Community" order that replaced the Order, LASD demobilized the TF and will continue to monitor events with station and Detective Division personnel as part of regular operations.

Fiscal Overview and Impact

Overtime: For the period of December 1, 2020 to January 25, 2021, LASD reported the following costs and estimates:

OVERTIME COSTS AND ESTIMATES			
Month	Actual Cost	Estimate	Total
December 2020	263,284.80		263,284.80
January 2021		280,820.00	280,820.00
Sum	263,284.80	280,820.00	544,104.80

LASD previously provided an estimate of \$81,000 for enforcement activities between December 1 through 29, 2020. As projected, New Year's Eve enforcement activities significantly increased December 2020 costs. January 2021 estimates remain preliminary until finalized by LASD.

Straight-time: LASD will provide documentation of the straight-time costs of personnel that participated in enforcement activities while on regularly-scheduled shifts when the information is available in the Countywide payroll system.

The CEO will continue to monitor the cost impact of enforcement operations as part of periodic budget status reports and will address funding options when evaluating LASD's overall current fiscal year financial needs prior to the second mid-year budget adjustment scheduled for June 2021.

Next Steps

Considering the recent demobilization of the TF, CEO will coordinate with LASD to report back on April 8, 2021 with the remaining outstanding costs of enforcement operations. The April report is expected to be the final report, but is subject to change should enforcement activities resume.

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Background

In early December 2020, LASD established the "Super Spreader" taskforce (TF) to enforce the County Health Officer "Safer at Home" order (Order), in effect from November 30, 2020 to January 25, 2021, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 during the holiday season.

On January 5, 2021, DPH and CEO presented the first report on this matter during a set item at the Board meeting. DPH Director, Dr. Barbara Ferrer, reported that LASD and other law enforcement agencies possess broad authority that exceeds the authority of DPH, including the ability to terminate "Super Spreader" events that are in violation of the Order within their jurisdictions. Dr. Ferrer reported that proactive enforcement of the

Order by law enforcement can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 at unsafe and unlawful gatherings where many people are in close contact.

On January 29, 2021, DPH issued the "Safer at Work and in the Community" order, which superseded the "Safer at Home" order and reduced certain public health restrictions. In anticipation, on January 25, 2021, LASD demobilized the TF. LASD stations and Detective Division personnel continued to monitor "Super Spreader" event activity as part of regular operations.

On February 8, 2021, the CEO issued the second report (first written report) on this issue (Attachment A).

The report defined "Super Spreader" events and provided a summary of enforcement activities that the TF performed during its operational period, including the estimated overtime costs incurred.

Enforcement Activities Since the Last Report and Updated Fiscal Impact

The TF has not conducted any enforcement activities since it demobilized on January 25, 2021. As such, the enforcement activities listed in the attached February 8, 2021 report remain unchanged.

However, since the last report, additional straight time and overtime cost information became available in the countywide payroll system and LASD provided the final cost of the TF enforcement operation as follows:

"SUPER SPREADER" TASKFORCE OPERATING COSTS			
Month	Straight Time	Overtime	Total
December 2020	15,375.52	286,587.54	301,963.06
January 2021	45,049.93	493,541.59	538,591.52
Total	60,425.45	780,129.13	840,554.58

Notable changes from the previously reported costs are:

- \$60,425.45 in total straight time costs incurred while the TF was operating from December through January 25, 2021.
- \$493,541.59 in January overtime costs that exceeded the estimate of \$280,820 by \$212,721.59.

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- After reviewing the variance between the actual cost and estimate, LASD determined that more deputies participated in enforcement activities than originally anticipated.
- \$286,587.54 in December overtime costs, an increase of \$23,302.74 from the previously reported cost of \$263,284.80.

The CEO will work with LASD to evaluate funding options prior to the second mid-year budget adjustment scheduled for June 2021.

Conclusion

This is the final report on this matter as TF enforcement activities have ceased and LASD has provided the final tabulation of its costs as listed above.

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